

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
Verizon Telephone Companies)	
Tariff F.C.C. Nos. 1, 11, 14, and 16)	
Transmittal No. 243)	WCB/Pricing No. 02-27
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Southwestern Bell Telephone Company)	
Tariff F.C.C. No. 73)	
Transmittal No. 2913)	
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Ameritech Operating Companies)	
Tariff F.C.C. No. 2)	
Transmittal No. 1318)	
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Southern New England Telephone Company)	
Tariff F.C.C. No. 39)	
Transmittal No. 774)	
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Pacific Bell Telephone Company)	
Tariff F.C.C. No. 1)	
Transmittal No. 82)	
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Nevada Bell Telephone Company)	
Tariff F.C.C. No. 1)	
Transmittal No. 22)	

Order on Reconsideration

Adopted: October 29, 2002

Released: October 29, 2002

By the Chief, Pricing Policy Division:

1. In a September 30, 2002, order in this docket, the Pricing Policy Division (Division) of the Wireline Competition Bureau suspended for one day, imposed an accounting order, and set for investigation Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (Southwestern) Tariff F.C.C. No. 73, Transmittal No. 2913, Nevada Bell Telephone Company (Nevada) Tariff F.C.C. No., 1, Transmittal No. 22, Pacific Bell Telephone Company (Pacific) Tariff F.C.C. No. 1, Transmittal No. 82, Southern New England Telephone Company (SNET) Tariff F.C.C. No. 39, Transmittal No. 774, and certain rates of Ameritech Operating Companies (Ameritech) Tariff F.C.C. No. 2, Transmittal No. 1318. That order also suspended for five months and set for

investigation certain rates of Ameritech's Tariff F.C.C. No. 2, Transmittal No. 1318.¹ The transmittals addressed in that order sought to establish rates for Universal Service Fund charges billed to residential and business customers to reflect the companies' fourth quarter 2002 contribution obligations.

2. After release of the *Suspension Order*, Division staff met with SBC² to discuss the tariff filings at issue, and SBC provided additional explanation in support of its tariff filings that satisfies our concerns. Therefore, on our own motion, we reconsider our decision to suspend and investigate Southwestern's Tariff F.C.C. No. 73, Transmittal No. 2913, Nevada's Tariff F.C.C. No. 1, Transmittal No. 22, Pacific's Tariff F.C.C. No. 1, Transmittal No. 82, and SNET's Tariff F.C.C. No. 39, Transmittal No. 774, and we terminate the accounting orders and investigations of those tariff provisions.

3. ACCORDINGLY, pursuant to section 204 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 204, and sections 0.91, 0.291, and 1.108 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91, 0.291, and 1.108, WE RECONSIDER, on our own motion, our decision in the *Suspension Order* to investigate the revisions filed by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company Tariff F.C.C. No. 73, Transmittal No. 2913, Nevada Bell Telephone Company Tariff F.C.C. No. 1, Transmittal No. 22, Pacific Bell Telephone Company Tariff F.C.C. No. 1, Transmittal No. 82, and Southern New England Telephone Company Tariff F.C.C. No. 39, Transmittal No. 774, and Ameritech Operating Companies Tariff F.C.C. No. 2, Transmittal No. 1318.

4. IT IS ORDERED that, pursuant to section 204 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 204, and sections 0.91 and 0.291 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91 and 0.291, the investigations and accounting orders imposed in WCB/Pricing File No. 02-27 ARE TERMINATED with respect to Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Pacific Bell Telephone Company, Nevada Bell Telephone Company, and Ameritech Operating Companies.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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Wireline Competition Bureau

¹ *Verizon Telephone Companies Tariff F.C.C. Nos. 1, 11, 14, at 16 Transmittal No. 243, et al.*, Order, DA 02-2472 (WCB released Sept. 30, 2002)(*Suspension Order*). In that order the Pricing Policy Division also suspended for five months and set for investigation certain rates for Verizon Telephone Companies (Verizon) Tariff F.C.C. Nos. 1, 11, 14, and 16, Transmittal No. 243.

² SBC Communications, Inc. (SBC) is the parent company for Southwestern, Nevada, Pacific, SNET, and Ameritech.